

EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

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Bungling Execution of the Bald Knobbers at Ozark.

STRANGLER THEM TO DEATH.

The Hopes Stretch and they Fall Struggling Through the Trap—Lifted Back to the Scaffold.

A Bungling Execution. OZARK, Mo., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Bald Knobbers, Captain David Walker, his son William, and their partner in crime, John Matthews, were all executed at Ozark, today. A new page of horrors is added to the history of executions.

SOME ONE HAD BLUNDERED. Strong men turned deathly sick and rushed from the awful scene. Terribly affecting scenes transpired in the jail and morning. Revs. Grayston and Horne, offered fervent prayers for the prisoners, broken by frequent responses from the deeply suffering men. Several ladies of Ozark were kneeling in the corridors utterly unmindful of the dirt and pool of tobacco spit on the floor. The prisoners joined heartily in singing familiar songs. John Matthews was asked to lead in prayer, but, instead, he preferred to sing his favorite hymn, a wondrously moving song, in which none of the others could join.

Reporters were permitted to view the scaffold inside the jail yard, with the three awful scenes already knifed and suspended threateningly above. John Matthews' wife and sister were alone permitted to see him through the grated door. He did not sleep at all during the night, and looked far more haggard than yesterday.

THE KNOBBER CHIEF SLEPT SOUNDLY from 11 last night to 4 this morning. A strong guard was posted around the jail yard, but there has never been any need for a guard, save to keep away crowds of inquisitive visitors. The prisoners have spent much time in writing to their friends, and it was hoped that some statement of the bottom facts of the crime would be made public. Bill Walker was asked:

TO MAKE STATEMENT. but he replied in a dignified and well-worded note that a statement could not possibly benefit him nor comfort his friends, and that he would be hanged it should never be said of Bill Walker that he weakened, or tried to cast any discredit on the evidence of the poor women whose husbands had been hanged.

John Matthews talked somewhat excitedly while putting on the neat black suit in which he was to make his exit from all that is mortal. He exhorted the gathered listeners at the grated window. He expressed his hope of salvation in the world to come and professed his innocence of any premeditated crime.

At half-past 9 the jury and several clergymen and reporters were admitted to the inner jailyard, from which a hole had been cut in the brick wall through the back end of the jail. At 9:34 John Matthews' voice was heard in loud exhortation. A few moments after the three prisoners walked through the jail steadily and composedly, and were hanged.

Rev. Horne read a passage of scripture and a hymn, and the prisoners joined in the singing, broken by pious exclamations from Matthews. Rev. Horne then offered prayer. The death warrant was read, and the prisoners were asked to make a statement. Matthews called loudly upon heaven to witness his innocence of any premeditated crime.

Dave Walker said: "I am to die for a crime I could not help." Bill Walker simply replied: "I hope I am fully prepared to meet my God."

At seven minutes before 10 the trap was sprung which should have launched the three men into eternity. Then ensued A MOST FEARFUL SCENE. The ropes yielded so much that the feet of both the Walkers touched the ground, and their necks were not broken. The bungling noose around Bill Walker's neck slipped and stretched. His head pulled through and he fell moaning in agony. The ropes of John Matthews' noose broke, and he fell moaning in agony. The ropes of John Matthews' noose broke, and he fell moaning in agony.

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ALAS FOR DR. CRONIN!

A Startling and Disgusting Confession—Fellowship Concerning Him.

BETTER THAT HE WERE DEAD.

Instead of a Martyr He is a Base Criminal Fleeing Affrighted From the Sword of Stern Justice.

Revolting Revelations of a Dap. Cronin, May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Dr. Cronin mystery is a mystery no longer. The friends and adherents of that gentleman, who have been shouting "plot" and "assassination" for the past six days, are dumbfounded at to-night's developments. On the other hand, the friends of Alexander Sullivan, who it was insinuated by the Croninists, was in some way connected with the doctor's disappearance, are greatly pleased at the turn affairs have taken, and express their satisfaction that the ridiculous idea of a plot to assassinate or kidnap Cronin or any other member of an opposing faction in the land league has been completely exploded.

Dr. Cronin has left the city to avoid the consequences of his connection with a case of abortion which resulted in the death of the unfortunate woman whose body was conveyed to a secret place of burial in the body trunk found in Lake Woodruff. It is held by his friends that Cronin has been inclined to believe, contained his mangled remains.

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AT SWORDS' POINTS.

A Jolly Row in the Chicago Police Department.

CHICAGO, MAY 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—In one way or another the anarchist question seems fated to keep the Chicago police department in hot water.

Chief Schenck, the redoubtable North Side "burgomaster," who was so prominent in the anarchist matter after the Haymarket massacre, has been laboring for a long time on a book of reminiscences of those exciting times, and a local paper to-day published a number of excerpts from the advance sheets, selecting, particularly, some portions which contained, severe reflections on Frederick Ebersold, who was at that time chief of police.

Schenck charges Ebersold with being responsible for the escape of Schnaubelt, the supposed thrower of the bomb; and with incompetency in the management of the case; and says other things. All this has caused a tempest in the police department. Mr. Ebersold says that the statements are "a pack of lies," and makes counter-charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman. He says that the statements are "a pack of lies," and makes counter-charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman.

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CONCERNING FORT OMAHA.

Secretary Proctor Thinks It Will Go to Bellevue.

YESTERDAY'S NEBRASKA EVENTS

A Clergyman's House Burned—Burglars Secure Forty Cents—A Horse-Thief Gets Six Years—Wind-storm in Fringe County.

The Secretary of War in Sidney. Sidney, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Promptly at 6 o'clock this evening, amid a heavy rain storm, the special train, consisting of an engine, a dining-car, and the directors' car of the Union Pacific, arrived here from Cheyenne, containing the Hon. Secretary of War, General Crook, General Brooke, General Scott, General Drum, Colonel Barr, Lieutenants Hox and Bliss, and Mr. Partridge, private secretary to Secretary Proctor. The train moved down to the garrison, where they were received with the secretary's salute of seventeen guns.

The garrison was thoroughly inspected, after which a reception was held at Colonel Poland's residence, where the officers and leading citizens of Sidney paid their respects. Secretary Proctor was very favorably impressed with Fort Sidney, and in reply to a question as to the prospects of abandonment, he said, "No, I am in favor of its continuation, and will do all in my power to secure a large appropriation next year for it, and your post will remain indefinitely." Secretary Proctor was also to the location of Fort Omaha, Secretary Proctor said he thought it would be located at Bellevue. An appropriation of \$50,000 has already been made, and the chances are it will be increased.

Secretary Proctor is a very agreeable gentleman, and maintains great interest in army matters. The train will arrive in Omaha at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Examining the Railroads.

Fort Robinson, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Governor Thayer, Auditor Benton, Treasurer Hill and Mr. Halsey, and Mr. Hughes, of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Northern Pacific, arrived here yesterday morning. The usual salute of Swinton guns, a cavalry dress parade and guard mount kept the party interested for an hour. The military ardor of the old general was roused to such a pitch that he promised to come up to Fort Robinson during the summer to inspect the troops. A short speech of thanks to Colonel Gilford, General Irishin and officers, and the special train moved out for home.

Struck By Lightning.

Sidney, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Lightning struck the residence of Rev. J. C. Lewis to-day. Lewis and a baby were alone in the house, but no one was hurt. It was a heavy bolt, dividing and running down the four corners of the house, tearing it fearfully. Rev. Mr. Lewis is pastor of the flourishing congregation of the Prairie Union Baptist church. He has lived several years in Fremont and has many friends throughout the state who are glad to learn of his family's escape from injury.

Sidney City Short Line.

PLAINTIFF, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The locating party connected with the Sioux City short line pitched their tents at this place yesterday. The town is filled with strangers, so that it is almost impossible to secure hotel accommodations. A number of the locating party have been here for several days, and they will make their headquarters until grading commences, which, they expect, will be in a few days.

Fighting About License.

CULBERTSON, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The question of the village license for saloons, which has been taken up by the town meeting for a week, came to vote to-day, in a street row between C. Armstrong and Dr. Vastine. The former has been taking a very active part in the matter, and the latter has been trying to force his wife into the temperance fight.

Stable Burned in Superior.

SUPERIOR, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—This morning, about 3:30, the large livery stable of Russell & Morrison, was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was sounded by the fire department, and the fire was quickly extinguished. The barn contained twenty-seven head of horses, of which five perished. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The loss is nearly covered by insurance.

The Traveling Men's Ball.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The traveling men's ball and banquet, which took place at the Paddock hotel to-night, was a brilliant affair. Visitors were present from Omaha, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, and other cities. The ball was given under the auspices of the Traveling Men's Social club of Beatrice.

High Wind in Perkins County.

GRANT, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A terrific wind and rain storm swept over Perkins county, this morning, at 3 o'clock. The frame work of J. W. Yowes' barn was demolished; wind mills and sheds were blown over; considerable damage was done to other property. No one was injured.

A Horse Thief Sentenced.

ALLIANCE, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—George Wilcox was tried in the district court here, found guilty, and sentenced to hard labor in the state penitentiary for the theft of a horse, last December.

Poorly Rewarded Burglary.

SEWARD, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Burglars entered the B. & M. depot here to-day, and stole a trunk containing \$400. The safe and a new door were obtained from the machine shop. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Crops About Brained.

BRANNAH, Neb., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Heavy rains have fallen at this point for the last two days, and the crops are about brained. The prospects for a good crop are small, and the prospects for a good crop are small.

Will Blacklist Foreign Glass Workers.

PITTSBURGH, May 10.—The Window Glass Workers association has issued an order that all preceptors in the country, that all foreign glass workers who come for work, hereafter, will be blacklisted. This action is the result of recent importations of foreign glass workers in violation of the contract law.

Buried at Sea.

NEW YORK, May 10.—C. Foster, a sailor passenger on the Mallory line steamer "Apprais," which arrived here to-day, from Galveston, died of small pox, yesterday, and was buried at sea.

Business Troubles.

NEW YORK, May 10.—W. R. Edmiston & Co., importers and manufacturers of ribbons, silks and velvets, made a general assignment, to-day, without preferences.

BUFFALO BILL IN FRANCE.

Excitement in Havre Over the Arrival of the Hero.

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HAVRE, May 10.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to The Bee.]—There was some commotion on the platform at the St. Lazare station, in Paris, yesterday morning. The passengers looked with inquiry at two large saloon carriages, into which two stately waiters introduced the persons who had been met by Mr. Crawford, the financial director of Buffalo Bill. They were the Paris journalists coming here to meet the Persian Monarch, which Colonel Cody had specially chartered to bring over his Wild West show. During the run down an elegant collation was served.

On the arrival here the party was met by Nate Salisbury, who said the ship had been signalled off the Seilly Isles, and would arrive at half past 5 o'clock. At 5 the whole party started for the purpose of meeting her, and cruised in about ten mile circle until, at half past 6, the ship was sighted. The party then moved to the tug made for her, and in less than an hour made out the Persian Monarch. The tug then turned and made for the harbor. The steamer overtook her and steamed slowly, with the tug puffing full speed alongside to keep pace with her. Buffalo Bill was on the tug, followed by the "Marshall," raising a cloud of enthusiasm and cries of "Vive l'Amrique!" from the French pressmen on the steamer.

The huge levitation was accompanied by the tug until eight bells struck, when the health boat steamed up. The captain cried let go the anchor, and alongside we went. Owing to the late hour there was not enough water for the ship to enter the harbor, and for some reason, a clean bill of health could not be given, so Nate Salisbury went aboard and was obliged to stay, while Colonel Cody was unable to come ashore to the banquet given to welcome him.

The banquet of fifty covers was given as soon as the party returned, and amongst the invited guests, besides the press of Rouen and Havre, were: M. Dufray, United States consul, and Mr. Frederic Bernal, the English consul-general. Several toasts were proposed. The United States consul regretted the absence of Buffalo Bill, but said that he would come to-morrow, as a representative American and a soldier, who had won his grades and titles.

The English consul-general made a telling speech, expressing his sense of gratitude for the good feeling existing between the Anglo-Saxon races, and proposed the health of Mr. Crawford. The proceedings were of an unofficial character, and were marked by good feeling and joviality throughout.

CAPTURED MOONSHINERS.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—For the last four years a desperate gang of moonshiners has infested the wildest portion of McDowell county, West Virginia. A desperate named James N. Huston, of Indian Creek, near the town of Charleston, was detailed to work among these people and locate the illicit stills. Baldwin went among them last January. He ingratiated himself with the moonshiners and helped dispose of the illicit liquor. He was captured by a band of government officers made a long prepared raid. Huston was shot dead and the others surrendered. The detective force then proceeded to arrest the other members of the gang. By the aid of Baldwin's thorough knowledge of the country, they followed them to their hiding places, and in all captured five more moonshiners. The law gave a shad about on the banks of the river almost opposite Mount Vernon, and most of the cabinet officers have been in attendance. The supreme court are to be there too.

THE DANISH MISSION.

JOHN ENANDER NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE KING OF DENMARK. CHICAGO, May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A Washington special says the real reason why Mr. John Enander, of Chicago, has resigned his commission as minister to Denmark is not that his health is so precarious. The fact of the matter is Secretary Blaine recently received a communication from Copenhagen, which briefly stated that the king of Denmark had decided not to accept of the king of Denmark, and that he would not be received at the Danish court. No explanation was given for the king's refusal, but it is quite probable that the opposition is purely a political one. At least this is the opinion of the friends of Enander, who have been from past experience learned that it is dangerous to appoint a naturalized citizen to a diplomatic mission in a country from which he came. Other motives than a desire to secure a fortune in a new country frequently impel foreigners to come here, and the real cause of their departure does not come into light until they venture to return to their native land as representatives of the government of their adoption, when some almost forgotten offense is held up to defeat their ambition.

STRIKES KILLED.

FATAL COLLISION BETWEEN THE MINERS AND THE SOLDIERS IN WESTPHALIA. BRUSSELS, May 10.—A sanguinary encounter occurred to-night at Bochum, in Westphalia between the military and the striking miners and their supporters. Two persons were killed and many injured. There was another encounter near Hraet, Westphalia to-day, between troops and strikers, in which three of the latter were killed and several wounded.

Used Him For a Target.

PIERRE, Dak., May 10.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—At 10 o'clock, this evening, three pistol shots were fired on Dakota avenue, immediately bringing out a large crowd. It seems that a sergeant was capturing a soldier who was deserting. The sergeant had just shot him, and the crowd was shouting. The sergeant then knelt down with the butt of his revolver. Dr. Brown rendered medical aid to the wounded man, after which he was taken back to Fort Sully.

The Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Threatening weather and light rains in southern portion, fair in northern portion, northerly winds, warmer in western portion, cooler in eastern portion. For Dakota: Fair, except in extreme southern portion, light showers, slightly warmer, variable winds. For Iowa: Threatening weather and rain, except in extreme northeast portion, fair, northerly winds, warmer in southwest portion, cooler in southeast portion.

Two Deaths From Heat.

MILWAUKEE, May 10.—Two deaths from heat occurred in this city, to-day, viz.: Dr. Urban, a dentist, and Henry Matthews, a laborer. Both were stricken yesterday. William Hentrich, laborer, was stricken, but will recover. The temperature at noon to-day, was 82°.

WHO STOLE THE LOG BOOK?

An Incident in the Butler-Porter Controversy.

THE HARRIET LANE'S PAPERS GO

Their Loss Regarded By "Ben" as Significant, and He rejects the Allegedly-Jarrett Will Successor "Consin Folsom."

WASHINGTON HERALD, THE OMAHA BEE, 515 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 10. A very unpleasant episode has just come to light in the pending Butler-Porter controversy. Up to the present time the country at large has taken comparatively little interest in the mutual mud-slinging of the two old gentlemen. General Butler has claimed that Admiral Porter was a coward and ran away at Fort Fisher, and Admiral Porter retorted that General Butler was a lying devil and never took New Orleans until three days after Farragut's marines had been in the city. The public will let them fight it out. But yesterday General Butler went to the navy department to hunt up the log book of the Harriet Lane. The Lane was Porter's ship, and her log book would of course have shown conclusively whether Admiral Porter ran away, as Butler says he did, or whether he didn't. Mr. Butler is adding daily more evidence that the admiral did run, and Mr. Porter is daily adding just as much evidence that he didn't. The Lane log book being the official record of every movement of the boat on the eventful day, General Butler intended to consult the log book and to make all the transcripts he needed. But when General Butler began hunting among the files for the log it was gone, somebody had abstracted it. He reported the fact to Secretary Tracy, who immediately gave orders that a thorough search should be made. A number of clerks were ordered to search the files. They included men who have been in the department since the war and are familiar with every file and corner of the library. An exhaustive and systematic hunt was begun. Every book and paper was examined. Every old bundle of documents was overhauled, and the result was that the log book was not found. The matter has now assumed a grave aspect.

General Butler is chuckling in glee. It is hardly necessary to say to what influence he ascribes the disappearance of the log book, and he knows that its disappearance just at this time will injure Admiral Porter more than anything it might contain.

John Jarrett, of Pittsburgh, has been agreed upon for the consulate at Sheffield, England, now occupied by "Cousin Ben" Folsom.

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